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1. Twin-engine aircraft with far projecting glazed noses, double rudder assembly, and double trapezoidal wings were almost the only planes observed over BRYANSK (34°22' S/53°14'N), Bryansk Oblast, in the fall of 1948.
2. Single-engine fighters with the following features have been mainly observed since October 1948: Far projecting engine, nose wheel, slender trapezoidal wings, rounded wing tips.
3. About sixteen turbojet fighters flying individually were observed every day from the spring of 1949 to July 1949. Description (see Annex): Mid-wing monoplane, short, stubby, round fuselage about 25 feet long, about 5 feet in diameter. Round aperture of about 24-inch diameter at nose. Tapering leading edge of wing, straight trailing edge, angular wing tips, span about 33 feet. Low and flat rudder assembly. A semicircular bulge under the front aperture and the curved wing roots were particularly conspicuous.
4. A wide formation of about a hundred twin-engine transports was seen flying slowly over the town in late July 1949. Each plane towed a cargo glider (slim fuselage about 66 feet long, span about 100 feet, slender wings).

Comment:

a. This information on the BRYANSK airfield and the observed flying activity is considered doubtful. The reported occupation of the field by single-engine and twin-engine aircraft, presumably a pilot school, up to the spring of 1948, is in accordance with previous reports. It is inferred from previous reports that the airfield apparently was already occupied by a unit equipped with single-engine fighters in the spring and summer of 1948. Numerous credible reports were also

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received on the arrival of jet fighters in the fall of 1948 * . The jet fighter type with internal turbine as described in this report is not credible when compared with these other reports.

b. The observation of a hundred twin-engine transports with cargo fliders in tow was not mentioned by the two other sources reporting the same period of observation.

1 Annex: Turbo-Jet Fighters Observed Over BRYANSK.

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